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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Art Unit:	3724	}
Application No.:	10/803,275	}
Title:	Hole Punch Having Elements With Non-circular Cutting Surfaces	}
Inventor:	Pamela Lowenthal	}
Filed:	March 18, 2004	}
Attorney	Cynthia L. Smith	}
Docket No.:	36655-95604	}
Examiner:	Jason D. Prone	}

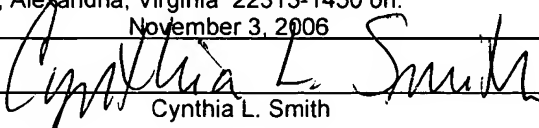
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED July 6, 2006**

**Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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## **I. Introduction**

This Response is in reply to a non-final Office Action mailed on July 6, 2006 in response to an RCE. The non-final office action has a shortened statutory period for reply of three months or October 6, 2006. This Response includes (1) amendments to the Claims and (2) a Request for a one month time extension under 37 CFR 1.136(a).